

Appropriation Committee, Elementary Education, Hearing on 2/17/2022

Dear Members of the Appropriation Committee:

My name is Arlene de Jesús-Martínez, and I am from West Hartford. We moved to Connecticut from Puerto Rico. I have a son who attends Kindergarten at CREC Museum Academy, which is part of the CREC Magnet schools. I am writing to please ask you to support an increase in the RESC state magnet grant.

First, let me thank you for your past support for increased funding for Magnet schools in Connecticut. My child benefits greatly through the extraordinary opportunity he experiences every day at CREC Museum Academy. This diverse and engaging learning environment with visual arts theme benefits my son by giving him exposure to students from different towns and backgrounds, the staff is fantastic, he has access to Spanish, Arts, Physical Education and Music classes since Pre-k. The Before and After School are amazing, it offers Zumba, Dance, African Drums, and he has learned to play Chess. Additionally, I know my son learns better and is more prepared for the real world as result as working along side other students from different backgrounds.

Thank you,

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